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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMANN FROM POPPER

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SUBJECT: CHILEAN NOTE RE LETELIER DEMONSTRATION

REF: SHLAUDEMANN/POPPER TELCON SEPTEMBER 25

1. CONFIRMING TELCON, ACTING FONMIN VALDES SUMMARIZED ORALLY AND GAVE ME A COPY OF A NOTE TRUCCO WILL REPORTEDLY HAND TO YOU TODAY. GOC CONCERN IS THAT THE ACTIONS AND SPEECHES ATTENDANT ON THE PROCESSION AUTHORIZED FOR LETELIER FUNERAL WILL BECOME A POLITICAL MEDIA EVENT AND MAY RESULT IN VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILEAN PERSONNEL OR PROPERTY. THE NOTE STATES THAT FOR THE USG TO PERMIT THESE MANIFESTATIONS IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE GOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

2. MY RESPONSE ROUGHLY PARALLELED WHAT YOU SAID TO TRUCCO YESTERDAY; NAMELY, THAT I WAS SURE THAT THE DEMONSTRATION HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT; THAT I KNEW THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES WOULD TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION TO ENSURE THAT THERE WAS NO VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILEAN PERSONNEL OR PROPERTY; AND THAT CONSISTENT WITH US TRADITION AND PRACTICE, PEACEFUL EXPRESSIONS OF OPINION WHETHER IN THE FORM OF PLACARDS OR MARCHES OR SPEECHES WERE PERMITTED -- EVEN AGAINST THE USG.

3. VALDES SAID THAT THE TEXT OF THE GOC NOTE WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC IN SANTIAGO THIS AFTERNOON.

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